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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL CHANGES

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1. RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER FOR CIVIL AVIATION SHUAIBU
KAZAURE WAS ANNOUNCED BY FMG JANUARY 18. KAZAURE'S
REPLACEMENT IS WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER DR. I. U.
WILLIAN-OSISIOGU, WHOSE PLACE AT WATER RESOURCES GOES TO
KANO STATE COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE ALHAJI IBRAHIM EL-YAKUBU.

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2. KAZAURE RETURNS TO PRIVATE SECTOR, APPARENTLY TO HIS OLD
EMPLOYER, PHILIPS LAMP, JRIAM HE WAS NORTHERN NIGERIA SALES
MANAGER. CONTRIBUTING HIS BEST EFFORTS TO DEVELOPMENT OF
NIGERIAN AIRPORTS AND AVIATION, KAZAURE WAS INCREASINGLY
FRUSTRATED BY A BUREAUCRACY, DIFFICULTY OF GETTING
ANYTHING DONE, HE ALSO HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH
MILITARY, WHO OVERRODE HIS DECISIONS AND ENCROACHED

ON KAZAURE'S RESPONSIBILITIES BY APPOINTIN MILITARY
MEN TAKE DIRECT CHARE OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS.

3. LAST STRAW FOR KAZAURE WAS DC-10 PURCHASE CONTROVERSY
AND ATTENDANT ROW OVER SACKING OF FOUR SENIOR
NIGERIA AIRWAYS PILOTS WHO OPPOSED DC-10 (WHICH KAZAURE
SUPPORTED). DEMAND REISTATE PILOTS WAS BROUGHT BE-
FORE SMC, REPORTELDY WITH SPONSORSHIP OF ARMY CHIEF
DANJUMA. KAZAURE CHARGED HIS SUPERIORS WITH QUESTIONING
HIS JUDGMENT TWICE OVER SAME MATTER, SUBMITTED HIS RESIG-
NATION JANUARY 12. HEAD OF STATE ACCEPTED IT, NOTING "WITH
REGRET THE NECESSITY THAT ... LED TO" KAZAURE'S DECISION.

4. WILLIAM-OSISIOGU WAS SOMETHING OF CYPHER AT WATER
REAOURCES. HE WAS NEITHER A TECHNICAL EXPERT NOR WELL
PLUGGED IN POLITICALLY. CHAIRMAN OF THE NIGER RIVER COM-
MISSION, HE WAS CONVINCED OF NIGERIA'S RIGHT TO PREEMINENCE
IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS, BUT HE DID NOT EXERT MUCH INFLUENCE
WITH MINISTERS OF OTHER MEMBER STATES, WHO GENERALLY HAD
FIRMER TECHNICAL GROUNDING.

5. OSISIOGU ADMIRES U.S. TECHNOLOGY AND ADMINISTRATIVE
TECHNIQUES. HE WAS INTERESTED IN U.S. FEDERAL-STATE RELA-
TIONSHIP IN HANDLING WATER MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS, AND HAD
REQUESTED VISIT U.S. WITH OTHER NIGER RIVER COMMISSIONERS
TO OBSERVE TVA. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OSISIOGU'S ADMIRA-
TION FOR U.S. EXTEND TO POLITICAL/SOCIAL SYSTEM, BUT EMBASSY
HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE IS HOSTILE.

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6. SINCE OSISIOGU APPARENTLY LACKS FIRM HAND NECESSARY TAKE
CONTROL OF AVIATION MINISTRY, PROSPECT IS FOR INCREASED DOMINATION
OF AVIATION OF MILITARY. INFLUENCE OF WING COMMANDER USMAN
MU'AZU, UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG HEAD OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS, IS LIKELY
TO INCREASE.

7. EL-YAKUBU IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY LAGOS. ANY INFORMATION
KADUNA MAY HAVE REGARDING HIM WOULD BE WELCOME.
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